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Draft report

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

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II. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development

1. The Commission held a general discussion of item 3 of its agenda at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 31 March 2003. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Concise report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, 2003: population, education and development (E/CN.9/2003/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes focusing on population, education and development, 2003 (E/CN.9/2002/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/2003/4);

(d) Statement submitted by the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.9/2003/NGO/1).

2. At the 1st meeting, on 31 March, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of

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the United Nations Secretariat; the Chief of the Population Studies Branch of the Population Division; the Senior Technical Officer of the Reproductive Health Branch of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); and the Senior Resource Flows Officer of the Population and Development Branch of UNFPA.

3. At the same meeting, the special discussant for the item, Alaka Basu of Cornell University, made a statement.

4. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of United States and Japan, and by the observers for Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Greece (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the acceding countries of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, the associated countries of Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, and the EFTA country Liechtenstein).

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 31 March, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, China, Indonesia, Algeria and India, and by the observers for Canada, Switzerland and Ethiopia.

6. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

7. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of Partners in Population and Development, an intergovernmental organization.

III. National experience in population matters: population, education and development

8. The Commission considered item 4 of its agenda at its 3rd to 6th meetings, on 1 and 2 April 2002.

9. At the 3rd meeting, on 1 April, statements in the general debate were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Belgium, Guyana, Malaysia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Gambia, Poland and China, and by the observer for Sweden.

10. At the 4th meeting, on 1 April, statements in the general debate were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Ireland, Algeria, Pakistan, Indonesia, Nicaragua, France, Kenya, El Salvador, Mexico, India and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and by the observers for South Africa and Tunisia.

11. At the same meeting, statements in the general debate were made by the representatives of Egypt, Ghana, Bangladesh, Uganda and the Philippines, and by the observers for the Dominican Republic and Cuba.

12. At the 6th meeting, on 2 April, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Cameroon and Peru, and by the observers for Portugal and Spain.

Keynote addresses

13. At its 3rd meeting, on 1 April, the Commission heard a keynote address by Paul Demeny of the Population Council, New York, which was followed by a

discussion in which the delegations of France, the United States, Italy, Mexico, the Philippines, El Salvador and Tunisia took part.

14. At its 5th meeting, on 2 April, the Commission heard a keynote address by Amartya Sen, Nobel Prize Laureate and Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, which was followed by a discussion in which the delegations of Bangladesh, India, Mexico and Spain and the representative of UNFPA took part.

IV. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population

15. The Commission held a general discussion of item 5 of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 2 April 2003. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on world demographic trends (E/CN.9/2003/5);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2002: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/2003/6);

(c) Draft programme of work of the Population Division for the biennium 2004-2005 (E/CN.9/2003/7).

16. At the same meeting, introductory statements were made by the representative of the Population Division and the Chief of the Fertility and Family Planning Section of the Population Division.

17. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, China and Ghana.

18. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Office of the Regional Commissions in New York (on behalf of the Economic Commission for Europe), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Economic Commission for Africa.

19. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the African Union.

20. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

V. Provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission

[*To be completed*]

VI. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-fifth session

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VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

21. The Commission held its thirty-sixth session at United Nations Headquarters from 31 March to 4 April 2003. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to _____).

22. The session was opened by the Chairman of the thirty-fifth session, Antonio Golini (Italy).

23. Opening statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the Director of the Population Division.

B. Attendance

24. The session was attended by ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States members of the United Nations and for ___ non-member States also attended. Representatives of the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex ___.

C. Election of officers

25. At its 1st meeting, on 31 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:
Gediminas Šerkšnys (Lithuania)

Vice-Chairmen:
Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh)
Crispin-Grey Johnson (Gambia)
Marc Bichler (Luxembourg)
Alfredo Chuquihuara (Peru)

26. At the 3rd meeting, on 1 April, it was decided that Marc Bichler (Luxembourg) would also serve as Rapporteur.

D. Report of the Bureau of the Commission on its intersessional meeting

27. At its 1st meeting, on 31 March, the Commission heard a statement by Antonio Golini (Italy), Chairman of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, who introduced the report of the Bureau of the Commission on its intersessional meeting, which was held in Rome on 21 and 22 October 2003 (E/CN.9/2002/8).

28. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report.

E. Agenda

29. At its 1st meeting, on 31 March, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.9/2003/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters:
   (a) Report of the intersessional meeting of the Bureau;
   (b) Agenda and organization of work.
3. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development.
4. General debate on national experience in population matters: population, education and development.
5. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population.
6. Provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-sixth session.

F. Documentation

30. The list of documents before the Commission at its thirty-sixth session is contained in annex ___.

G. Consultation with non-governmental organizations

31. In accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council made statements: the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (special status); the International Planned Parenthood Federation (general status); the Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography (Roster); the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies (special status); and the Girls' Power Initiative (special status) on behalf of the International Social and Reproductive Rights Coalition.